

Claim Amendments:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A grip cap for a container, comprising:

a cap shell having a top wall and a skirt depending down from the top wall to a lower rim for receiving a neck of the container, the cap shell having an outer surface and an underside including the lower rim; and

a grip layer having a plurality of ribs raised from the outer surface of the cap shell in spaced relation and extending along the skirt between the top wall and the lower rim[[]], the ribs being resilient relative to the cap shell

~~wherein the grip cap is formed in a two-shot method including:~~

~~molding the cap shell in a die having a first part and a second part such that the cap shell conforms to the interior of the die;~~

~~supporting the cap shell on the first die part;~~

~~interchanging the second die part with a third die part;~~

~~allowing the cap shell to shrink on the first die part so that the lower rim is spaced from an adjacent surface of the first die part;~~

~~joining the first and third die parts with the cap shell therebetween; and~~

~~molding the grip layer integrally with the cap shell.~~

19. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the cap shell is made of a thermoplastic material and the ribs are made of an elastomeric material.

20. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 19, wherein the cap shell is polypropylene.

21. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the ribs are spaced equi-angularly about an axis about which the cap shell is concentric.

22. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the grip layer further includes a pad integrally molded to an upper surface of the cap shell top wall.

23. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the pad and the ribs are the same material and the ribs join together at the pad.

24. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the pad has a diameter less than the top wall of the cap shell.

25. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 22, wherein the cap shell is molded to extend upward through the pad to present raised indicia.

26. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the ribs join at a gasket extending along the underside of the lower rim.

27. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 26, wherein the gasket and the ribs are the same material and wherein the ribs join together at the gasket.

28. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the cap shell has one or more flanges surrounded by the skirt and extending down from the top wall that directly engage the container.

29. (previously presented) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the flanges engage an inner cap removably mounted over an opening of the container.

30. (new) The grip cap of claim 18, wherein the grip cap is formed in a two-shot method including:

molding the cap shell in a die having a first part and a second part such that the cap shell conforms to the interior of the die;

supporting the cap shell on the first die part;

interchanging the second die part with a third die part;
allowing the cap shell to shrink on the first die part so that the lower rim is spaced from an adjacent surface of the first die part;
joining the first and third die parts with the cap shell therebetween; and
molding the grip layer integrally with the cap shell.--